

LIQUOR FIGHT ON IN PETERSBURG

Petition for Local Option Election Is Now Ready for the Court.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 150 North Ryantown Street, Petersburg, Va., April 16.—Local option in Petersburg is coming, and the expectation is that the election will be held for May 27, or thereabouts. The petition for the election has been completed and will be presented by a committee of business men tomorrow to Judge Mullen, of the District Court. It is expected that the petition is largely signed by influential people, and that among others it bears the names of bankers, manufacturers, business and professional men, who are desirous of having the liquor traffic prohibited in Petersburg. The exact number of names of legally qualified voters required for the petition was 232, or one-fourth of the number of votes cast in the last general election in Petersburg. It is understood that the signatures to this petition aggregate between 350 to 400, no effort having been made to get more.

The details of the anti-saloon campaign will be arranged after the judges acts on the petition and issues his order for the election. As the time will be short, it is hardly more than necessary to state that the campaign will be sharp and vigorous. The anti-saloon organization is at the most perfect note. It will be made stronger when the fight comes on. It is probable that distinguished temperance orators will be heard, and every moral influence will be brought to bear on the people to down the liquor traffic. It is said by many that if the election were held to-day or next week, with the prevailing sentiment against making Petersburg "dry" while Richmond remains "wet," the opposition to the present agitation of the liquor question on the eve of the gubernatorial election, and the intense, if not bitter, feeling this campaign is going to cause, the result would be fairly close, with evidence in favor of the "wets," but how it will be forty days hence, can only be conjectured. There are about 1,800 qualified voters in Petersburg, and there are thirty-three retail liquor houses, three hotel bars and three breweries in the city.

A Counter Petition.
A petition is to be circulated tomorrow setting forth the facts that as the city is one of the most peaceful, religious, prosperous and orderly cities in the world, and her people are dealing with the liquor question contentedly and with an honest purpose to reduce the evils of the traffic in liquor to the lowest possible point, and that as these efforts are meeting with gratifying success, therefore the signers, citizens and business men of Petersburg, wish to explain their opposition to any contest for local option in the city, and likewise State-wide prohibition, and will resist any attempt at interference with their personal rights. The petition calls for a public meeting, and the sentiment of the people on the subject of local option may be known.

The Late Aug. Wright.
There are many evidences of grief in

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the city to-day on account of the death of Augustus Wright, Sr., which occurred last night. The building of the Virginia National Bank, of which he was president, the offices of the Consolidated Milling Company, of which he was president, and the Chamber of Commerce Building, of which he was vice-president, are each draped in mourning, and crepe hangs from the doors of other institutions in which he was interested. The general testimony in the community is that a good man has fallen in the midst of his usefulness, and that the city has lost a valued friend and citizen. Mr. Wright was a member of the board of finance of the Virginia Conference, and was president of the board of directors of the Methodist Female Orphan Asylum, an institution in which he took great interest, and which he aided in large measure.

He was closely connected with many large industrial and business interests in the city, and was one of the most liberal and public spirited men the city has known in many years. A call has been issued for the officers and members of the Chamber of Commerce to meet Sunday afternoon and attend the funeral in a body. Mr. Wright, while one of the busiest men in the city, found time to do a great deal of charity work.

Pretty Marriage in Chesterfield.
Enon Baptist Church, in Chesterfield county, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Virginia Ann Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cox, of Point of Rocks, to Thomas Covington, Jr., of the same place. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. H. Lawson. The bride was attired in a going-away gown and carried white carnations. She was attended by Miss Josephine S. Gregory, of Petersburg, as maid of honor. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Peter Covington, as best man. The color scheme of the handsome decorations was green and pink.

Last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Keeler, on Washington Street, Miss Ethel Mabel Keeler was united in marriage to William F. Lawrence, of Prince George county. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. Francis Ribbs, of the Episcopal Church, the couple left for the North on their bridal trip.

Personal and Otherwise.
The concert and entertainment arranged for to-morrow afternoon at the Riverside Club, has been postponed until the following Saturday, on account of the death of August Wright, who was a stockholder in the club.

The condition of Postmaster Stith Bolling, who has been confined to his home by sickness for some time, is much improved.

Mrs. H. W. Moore, wife of H. L. Moore, died at her home, in Dinwiddie county, yesterday afternoon. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons and one daughter.

The civil docket of the Hustings Court will be called to-morrow, and dates for the trial of cases, and the three lodges of Odd-Fellows in this city will celebrate the eighty-seventh anniversary of the order by worship at the Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday night, April 25.

W. T. Parrish, a well-known contractor, is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis.

YOUNG CUBAN IS HELD FOR THEFT

Employer Charges Him With Stealing Three Gold Nuggets and Diamond Pin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 16.—Wescealio Aguirre, an intelligent, well-dressed young Cuban, is a prisoner at the police station awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of robbing W. B. Sorsby, former minister to Bolivia, of three gold nuggets and a diamond pin of large value. Mr. Sorsby is undergoing treatment at a local hospital, and Aguirre has been in his employ for some time as valet.

It is not known when the alleged robbery occurred, but the master had the valet arrested as soon as he discovered the loss. The nuggets were found, but the diamond pin was not recovered. Willis Dowd, of New York, is coming to Charlotte to represent the prosecution, while the valet has employed local counsel. He claims that the nuggets were given to him in a Washington hotel, and that the prosecution was brought by Mr. Sorsby because the valet refused to give testimony in certain divorce litigations.

COMPLIMENTS HOME.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALIGH, N. C., April 16.—State Auditor B. F. Dixon has returned from an inspection of the Virginia Confederate Soldiers' Home, and compliments most highly the management of that institution. He found a number of features of the management of the Virginia Home that he believed can be applied to the management of the North Carolina Home, in the management of which he is especially active. He will place an order very soon now for the Confederate gray uniforms which the recent Legislature authorized to be furnished to the veterans in the home.

Evidence Is Found.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALIGH, N. C., April 16.—A bloody shirtwaist and a key that fits the front door of the A. Dugli residence on Hillsboro Street, have been found in the home of Hannah Harris, the negro woman under arrest for entering the Dugli home some nights ago and attempting to take the life of Mrs. Crowwell, the aged housekeeper. The police believe now that they will have further trouble in convicting the Harris woman. Mrs. Crowwell is recovering rapidly from the ugly wound in her throat inflicted with the old razor found in the bed.

Negro Is Killed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., April 16.—Irvine Brown, colored, was killed in the Southern Railway yards here to-day while coupling cars. He fell and was ground to pieces under the wheels.

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LOCAL COMPANIES MAY PARTICIPATE

They Are Invited to Have Share in Celebration at Alexandria.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 16.—The Richmond Blues and the Richmond Light Infantry have been invited to take part in the parade to be held here April 30 in connection with the dedication of the George Washington Park. The Richmond Blues, who have attracted so much attention in the inaugural parade, will be accompanied by a band, if they accept. Three salutes will be fired by the Howitzers, one for the President, one for the Governor and one at the laying of the corner-stone. Various other companies of State militia will, it is expected, participate. The United States ship Dolphin will be anchored off Alexandria during the festivities incident to the home-coming week beginning April 28.

This city to-day began to take on holiday attire for the home-coming week, and King Street, the main thoroughfare, is being gaily bedecked with flags, bunting and pennants of an endless variety. Work of stringing the wires for the illumination of the inaugural court of honor and King Street will begin Monday. Six thousand lights will be used on King Street. Besides President Taft and Vice-President Sherman, many notables will be here, including Governor Swanson, who will make the principal address at the corner-stone laying.

The Richmond companies will decide next Tuesday night whether or not they will accept the invitations.

VERDICT OF \$5,000.

Plaintiff Awarded That Sum for Death of Her Husband.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., April 16.—An important case for \$10,000 damages against the Western Union Telegraph Company was tried to-day. Mrs. Lillian M. Callette, of Winston, brought suit for the death of her husband two years ago near Mispah under extraordinary circumstances. The allegation is that Callette, who was a railroad section employee, while standing beside the track he was having repaired, was killed by being hit by two telegraph pole cross-arms, nailed together which an employee of the Western Union construction force pitched out of the moving car. The car was a special one, and was loaded with cross-arms, which were thrown out near where they were needed as the train passed the place. A verdict of \$5,000 was returned by the jury in favor of the plaintiff, after three hours' deliberation. Counsel for the company gave notice of an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Boyd adjourned the court for the term upon receiving the verdict of the jury.

NEGRO IS TRAILED.

He Will Be Arrested, Charged With Shooting a Cow.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 16.—Two bloodhounds were put on the trail, late yesterday afternoon, of a man who shot and killed a cow early yesterday morning, which belonged to H. C. Watts, a farmer who resides about three miles from Lynchburg. The work of the hounds was so fine that a negro will be arrested to-day and charged with the crime. The cow was killed yesterday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. It was about 3 o'clock when the dogs were let loose, and they followed it for half a mile by the road and then the trail led across plowed fields and through a corn field to the back of Mountain to a point where a negro was who had been seen in the vicinity of Watts' farm early yesterday morning with a shotgun. It was late when the negro was seen near the cow, and he was carrying a shotgun. The warrant was left until to-day.

"HAMPTON" DESTROYED.

Norfolk-Smidtfield Steamer Burned in Norfolk Yards.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., April 16.—The Old Dominion steamer Hampton, which plies between this port and Smithfield, was almost totally destroyed by fire to-night, while in the Smith & McCoy's drydock undergoing repairs. The fire started in the lower afterdeck, and was for the most part confined to the stern.

While the firemen were working one side of the dock was sunk by opening of the valves, shoving the boat badly to the side and endangering the lives of the firemen who were aboard her. The Hampton was having her hull scraped and painted, and was carrying a cargo of lumber. She is valued at about \$100,000. The damage is covered by insurance.

THROWN INTO WATER.

Laborers Become Panic-Stricken, and One Is Drowned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILMINGTON, N. C., April 16.—A passenger car, a tow of the tug Little, and crowded with forty or fifty negro laborers from the Almont factory of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, four miles up the river, was a pier of the Hilton Railway bridge as the negroes were being brought to the city after their day's work. This morning the car, the tug and the pier were carried away. Many of them clung to the underpinning of the bridge, but before the tug could put back to the rescue a huge block of stone it split over the bridge, throwing the laborers into a panic, and a score or more of them jumped overboard, one of the number being drowned, and the others being rescued by another tugboat following.

NEGROES INDICTED.

They Must Answer in Court for Murder of Chicago Agent.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 16.—A grand jury, with C. Harry Vohs as foreman, to-day indicted Richard alias "Dick" Pines, James Dorsey, Calvin Johnson and Henry Smith, negroes, for the murder of Walter F. Schultz, the Chicago agent, at the place known as the "Fairfax county jail." A date for the trial of the men will be fixed by Judge Bailey in the near future. The principal witness before the jury was Henry Smith, one of the men indicted, from whom the police wrung a confession of the whole crime. The other negroes are still prisoners in the Fairfax county jail.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

Governor Names Representatives to Annual Peace Congress.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 16.—The next annual national Peace Congress is to convene in Chicago May 3, continuing to May 5, and Governor Kitchen announced as delegates to represent Virginia: Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, Winston-Salem; Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, Wilmington; Roy A. Hall, Fayetteville; E. S. Blair, Guilford; College; Hugh A. Love, Waynesville; W. E. Farmer, Rocky Mount; J. W. Bunn, Raleigh; Dr. J. A. Mayo, Greenville; R. E. Edwards, Goldsboro; R. K. Davenport, Mount Holly; Frank Gough, Lumberton; Dr. Ira M. Hardy, Washington.

One Night In Jail.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 16.—John L. Calhoun, who was fined \$50 and costs, amounting to \$62.70, and

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required to give \$500 bail in the Police Justice Court here for selling liquor illegally, this being a local option city, after spending one night in jail, paid the fine, gave the required bond and was set free.

MONUMENT UNVEILING.

North and South Will Be Represented at the Ceremonies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 16.—The two monuments in Spotsylvania county, near this city, to be unveiled May 12 by the New Jersey Volunteer Veteran Association, will have unique ceremonies when the cords are pulled. Each monument will be unveiled by four young women dressed in white—two representing the North and two representing the South. Those representing the South will be Miss Lena Rowe and Miss Mary Rowe, daughters of Captain M. B. Rowe, of "Brompton," this city. The two representing the North will be Miss G. W. C. and Miss Lindsay, of Newark, N. J.

GETS FIVE YEARS.

Oliver Must Do Time for Killing of Luther Pettigrew.

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AMHERST, VA., April 16.—W. Oliver was given five years in the penitentiary this afternoon, after a trial lasting four days, for the killing of Luther Pettigrew, at the former's store, near Lynchburg, in this county. A motion to set aside the verdict has not yet been passed on. The verdict was quite a surprise, as Oliver and his son were the only eye-witnesses to the shooting, and both testified that it was a case of self-defense.

Caused by Defective Flue.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., April 16.—A defective flue caused the destruction by fire of a new two-story frame residence in the suburbs to-day. The house was owned and occupied by William Ballou, and the loss is covered by insurance.

Taking Depositions.

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CHATHAM, VA., April 16.—Taking of depositions in rebuttal in the Parsons Saunders congressional contest has been in progress here several days this week, about sixty witnesses being

summoned, the testimony in the main being to prove the politics of several who had opposed heretofore. The contest is being represented by Attorney Carrico, or Grayson, and R. I. Overby, of this place. Messrs. Clement & Clement and J. A. Tredway are looking after the interests of the contestants.

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